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SUBJECT: GOP WORRIES

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1. IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY, GOP CONCERNS RE DAUD'S REFERENCES TO PUSHTUNISTAN ISSUE ARE UNDERSTANDABLE. AT SAME TIME, HIS REFERENCES COULD BE TACTICAL, I.E. ATTEMPT TO ASSURE TRIBAL SUPPORT WITHOUT NECESSARILY TO BE TRANSLATED INTO AGGRESSIVE POLICY.

2. THUS DEPT SHARES EMBASSY VIEW THAT GOP WOULD BE WISE TO ADOPT WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE, PARTICULARLY IN PUBLIC REACTIONS. WE CAN SO INDICATE IF SUBJECT ARISES IN CONVERSATION WITH PAKS. RUSH
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